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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 July 2003.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 21 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. New corrected drawings are required in this application since the drawings filed 7-21-03 are objected to because lines, number & letters are not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality) in all figures. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 2 and 3 is objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 2, line “SoC” should be replaced with --system on chip (SoC)-- to clearly identify, at least once in the body of the claims, that “SoC” stands for the abbreviated words “system on chip”.

In claim 3, line 2, “a GPS’ should be replaced with --said GPS--, for correcting antecedent basis since claim 3 depends on claim 2. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bondyopadhyay (US 5,886,667).

Re claim 1, Bondyopadhyay discloses a helmet (12) with built-in antenna (10) (Figs, 1, 3, 8), comprising:

One or a plurality of integrated-circuit antennas (14) built into the layer of material on top portion of the helmet (12) Figs. 1-9; Col. 3, line 28-Col. 8, line 9), and Metal strands (i.e., feed network 20) connecting the antennas through the layer of the helmet so that signals received from the antennas can be transmitted to a separate electronic means by wires (i.e. i.e., wire (coaxial connector) connected from GPS system to the feed network (20) via node 30) (Figs, 1-9; Col. 1, lines 8-13; Col. 2, lines 3-44; Col. 6, lines 11-37; Col. 7, lines 31-44).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bondyopadhyay (US 5,886,667) in view of Applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) (page 2, lines 6-8).

Re claim 2, although Bondyopadhyay does not teach how the GPS system being manufactured, AAPA discloses that modern days GPS systems are manufactured in the SoC (system on chip) style.

It would have been well in the skill of an artisan at the time the invention was made to use GPS system manufactured on SoC for the purpose of reducing the size and weight of GPS system used by Bondyopadhyay.

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7. Claims 3, 4, 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bondyopadhyay (US 5,886,667) in view of Applicant admitted prior art (AAPA) (page 2, lines 6-8) further in view of Lal (US 6,732,381).

Re claim 3, Bondyopadhyay does not disclose helmet contains a depressed area defining a slot for receiving the GPS to fit the slot.

Lal discloses a communication assembly (16) including GPS tracker (34) coupled within a slot (14) of the body member of a helmet (10) for the purpose of providing a hand free communication for a user wearing the helmet.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the helmet of Bondyopadhyay modified by AAPA by providing a slot on the body member of the helmet as taught by Lal for the purpose of providing a hand free communication for a user wearing the helmet.

Re claim 7, Lal further shows a cell phone (20) included within the communication assembly (16) ear-piece so positioned as to be close to wearer's ear, and a mouth-piece rotatably mounted to enable rotating up and down for ease of use (Figs. 1-6; abstract; Col. 3, line 56- Col. 5, line 6). Therefore, given Bondyopadhyay modified by AAPA further modified by Lal, providing a GPS system and/or cell phone manufactured on SoC would have been obvious for the purpose of providing a hand free communication for a user wearing the helmet.

8. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bondyopadhyay (US 5,886,667) in view of Applicant admitted prior art (AAPA) (page 2, lines 6-8) further in view of Lal (US 6,732,381) and further in view of Schoolman (US 5,019,828).

Re claims 5 and 6, Bondyopadhyay or Lal does not disclose LCD panel so shaped to conform to the inside curvature of the helmet, and rotatably (slidably) mounted to the inside surface of the helmet to display positioning information sent from the positioning means, so that the LCD could be rotated (slid) down for use and rotated (slid) up to avoid blocking user's view when not in use.

Schoolman discloses and teaches of using a display device mounted in the flip-up/down visor of a helmet (15) for the purpose of providing a user wearing the helmet to view his /her position relative to surrounding terrain or city environment (Fig. 3; Col. 1, lines 24- Col. 5, line 14).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the helmet of Bondyopadhyay modified by AAPA and further modified by Lal by providing a display device to be mounted in the flip-up/down visor of a helmet as taught by Schoolman for the purpose of providing a user wearing the helmet to his /her position relative to surrounding terrain or city environment.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Lazzeroni et al. (US 2002/0176595); Gray (US 5,678,205); and McKinney (US 4,077,007); also teach similar inventive subject matter.

Correspondence

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ephrem Alemu whose telephone number is (571) 272-1818. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F Flex hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don K Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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